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Comedy of Errors Marks Toledo Scale Union Meeting

President Koontz Shows Amazing Lack of Knowledge

Dispute of the Scale Workers Union with the company over the application of the 48 hour week in the Toledo Scale Co. has lead to a comedy of errors, violation of the Constitution and by-Laws of the company dominated union by its executive committee, exposure of President Eugene Koontz as incompetent to conduct the business meetings of the Union, and utter disregard for the workers who compose the union.

The comedy of errors was brought about at a special meeting of the company-dominated union on Aug. 22, when Attorney Wm. Driscoll of the War Manpower Commission attended the meeting to answer questions of the members regarding the application of the 48-hour week.

Point of Order Called

After answering a large number of questions asked by 120 members of the union who attended the meeting, Attorney Driscoll appeared to feel that he had given out all the available information desired by the union when he told the meeting that it did not matter how the 48 hours were worked, just so they were put into effect.

In order to relieve Attorney Driscoll of the task of answering further questions following his statement of the War Manpower Commission's policy with respect to the 48-hour week, a motion was placed upon the floor to return the meeting to the chair for further discussion by the members.

In the course of the discussion upon the motion, one of the office girls stated the office force had not had an opportunity to ask Attorney Driscoll questions, and another motion was submitted before the first motion had been disposed of.

No sooner had the second motion been made than one of the union members arose to a point of order,

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McNutt Accused By League

NEW YORK, Sept. 1 (FP)—War Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt is preparing totalitarian labor controls, such as the Austin-Wadsworth bill provides, to replace the present voluntary system of labor hiring, the Workers Defense League charged Aug. 30.

The WDL released an exchange of letters in which McNutt admitted to WDL National Secretary Morris Milgram that while "no consideration" was being given to conscript labor measures as yet, alternatives to the voluntary method "were being studied."

In its reply to McNutt's letter, the league said: "So far, the WMC has given the country no clear overall plan for the utilization of manpower. Such a plan is necessary to assure the success of voluntarism . . .

"It seems incongruous that at a time of manpower shortage the 1,000,000 or so unemployed or under-employed Negroes have not been utilized through the power given the WMC by the Fair Employment Practices Committee. Moreover, less than 40 per cent of the war housing units for which the War Production Board has allocated material have so far been built by the WMC. So far, too, the WMC has allowed the concentration of 75 per cent of the war contracts in 100 large corporations so that certain areas are unnecessarily short of labor."

Perkins Sees Workers' Peace

WASHINGTON, Sept. 6—(FP)—Secretary of Labor France Perkins said on Labor Day that American working men and women "are determined to do their full share in the job of winning the war and winning a good peace."

Declaring that "complete and sweeping victory must ultimately come to the United Nations, bringing with it a new measure of liberty and opportunity" with the defeat of the Axis powers, she added:

"American working people dedicate themselves anew to that cause on this Labor Day of 1943. They have pledged themselves to win the battle of production by turning out in ever increasing numbers the tools of war for our soldiers, sailors and marines, our medical corps, our fliers and our allies. They promise, to the enslaved workers of Axis dominated lands, that this production will help to break their shackles and that another Labor Day will find millions of them once again enjoying the blessings of freedom such as is the heritage of American working men and women and for which our people can be so thankful today."

Members Must Retain Standing

Randolph Gray, financial secretary of Local 12, today restated the importance of members of the Local who are on sick leave or vacation to maintain themselves in good standing.

Members on sick leave or vacation, or who are laid off through no fault of their own, must report each month to the dues office and obtain an out-of-work receipt in order to maintain themselves in good standing.

Members leaving for military service must also apply to the dues office when they are inducted and obtain an honorable military service membership card in order to maintain their standing in the Union.

Members who work 40 hours or more each month, but have not had a dues deduction either through an error or failure to have a check for the week of dues deduction, must pay their dues for that month at the dues office in order to maintain their good standing.

Mr. Gray also stated that members of Units who have passed parade fines and failed to parade must pay their fine at the Local 12 dues office before their dues are accepted. Proper attention to these rulings will save both the members and the dues office considerable time and trouble and expedite matters for all concerned, according to the financial secretary.

Convention Delegates Meet

Delegates elected to represent Toledo UAW-CIO Locals at the International UAW-CIO convention which will be held in Buffalo from October 4 to 11, met at Local 12 headquarters, 425 Winthrop St., September 7.

After receiving their credentials from President Melvin Schultz of Local 12, the delegates named their convention officers. Regional Director Richard Gosser was named chairman, Melvin Schultz, vice chairman, and David Seretsky, secretary.

Transportation, housing, resolutions, daily expenses of delegates and other related problems of the convention were discussed by the delegates attending the meeting.

Rollback Program Under Fire Again

KANSAS CITY, Sept. 7 (FP)—A score of congressmen, several governors and 2,000 livestock industry leaders, in conference here Sept. 2, had a field day of criticism, all aimed at the administration's price rollback and subsidy program.

Only person at the conference to represent the consumers' viewpoint was Mayor F. H. LaGuardia of New York, who pleaded for a fair and enforceable meat distribution plan.

The program worked out by the livestock producers called for complete abandonment of subsidies and price rollbacks and proposed the War Meat Board as the top policy-making agency for the meat industry.

Only two controls over meat are necessary under the meat industry's plan, President Frank S. Boice of the American National Livestock Association insisted. These are licensing of commercial slaughterers and civilian rationing, he continued, adding happily that then price ceilings could be scrapped.

CIO Marches In Rain

Labor Day Parade Marches Despite Rain

Pictured at tops it the prize winning float of the Toledo Joint Board. Below are the girls of the Willys-Overland drill team during a brief interlude of sunshine. When the rain came, the girls continued their formation, under the direction of Drillmaster Bryan Garber.

Thousands Brave Weather In Labor Demonstration

A pelting rain that began shortly after the CIO Labor Day Parade began its annual march down Monroe St. last Monday morning dampened the clothes but not the enthusiasm of thousands of marching CIO members.

Bands ,drill teams, floats, drum majorettes, fancy dresses, uniforms and gaily festooned sections of the parade took a beating from old J. Pluvius; nevertheless, the parade moved down Monroe St. to Summit, to Jefferson as though it were a bright sunny day.

Leading the parade was the Ordinance Unit Training Center band from Camp Perry, under the direction of Chief Warrant Officer Howard W. Wilson. A contingent of soldiers from the same camp followed, under command of Capt. R. L. Pettit. The soldiers for all their experience in taking weather of all kinds did not outdo the marchers, who took all the moisture the skies had to offer, laughed and wisecracked and splashed on to the end.

Countermarch Called Off

When the main section of the parade reached Jefferson and 10th and it became apparent that the rain was not going to stop, the countermarching was called off. Many of the marchers cried "no, no", when they saw their leaders breaking up the line of march on Jefferson Ave. before it had countermarched.

Girls from the Willys-Overland drill team resplendent in their uniforms of blue and gold, made a fine sight and received considerable applause as drill master Bryan Garber put them through their various formations. When the rain came, they continued to go through their drills although the water dripped from their caps and their

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Burke Adds 14 To War Chest Staff

Plans for the Greataer Toledo Community War Chest campaign, to be held October 24 to November 10, are rapidly taking shape with organized labor forming teams and appointing leaders in all locals in the Lucas County area.

Thomas Burke, chairman of CIO solicitation for the annual campaign, pointed out that all leaders will cooperate with Richard Lazette, CIO Chest director, in planning solicitation methods.

The following leaders are additions to the first announcements and appointments made by Mr. Burke: Frank Rostetter, Spicer Manufacturing Co.; Norman Fair, Electric Auto-Lite; Charles Johnson, Champion Spark Plug; Oliver Bliss, Doehler Die Casting Co.; R. J. Thornton, hotels and restaurants; Karl Martin, retail clothing; Ida McNulty, Save Electric Co.; Clare Rollins and Ed Barchich, miscellaneous manufacturing; Cyrus Martin, Lakeside Biscuit Co.; Ted Cline, Hall Manufacturing; Frank Mollick, Gordon Manufacturing; Irv Moodtke, United Construction Workers, and Betty Gugger, bakery workers. Additional Chest team leaders will be announced later.

Greater cooperation is required from all Chest workers and contributors in order to meet this year's increased goal of $1,309,944. According to CIO officials, the goal for all CIO members in the Greater Toledo area has been set at $200,000. Mr. Lazette also pointed out that the CIO expect a pledge of at least an hour's pay a month from every member.

The CIO War Relief Committee throughout the country is cooperating with Community War Chest campaigns. There are 68 agencies affiliated with the Toledo Chest serving on the military front, the United Nations front and the home front. None of these organizations will hold separate drives.

TIMES CALLS FOR REPEAL

NEW YORK — Repeal of "the more mischievous features" of the Smith-Connally act was demanded editorially by The New York Times which pointed to the ill effects of the act uncovered by a recent NLRB survey.

NLRB Won't Ask Repeal of Strike—Inciting Act

WASHINGTON (FP)—The National Labor Relations Board, apparently subject to many protests from unions demanding that it help repeal the most vicious parts of the Smith-Connally war labor disputes act, felt it necessary Aug. 31 to announce it wouldn't do any such thing. Its statement follows:

"Despite reports to the contrary, the board has reached no conclusion which would lead it at the present time to recommend to congress the repeal of the strike referendum section of the War Labor Disputes Act.

"The act has been in effect only two months. In this period, 180 notices of a labor dispute have been filed, 76 have been withdrawn, 13 have resulted in the conduct of strike ballots and 91 are still pending the expiration of the 30-day notice period required by the law. Of all these instances only one strike has resulted.

"We do not see how it is possible in the light of this limited experience to make a fair appraisal of this section of the statute at this time."

Local 12 Supports 3rd War Loan Drive

Melvin Schultz, President of Local 12, UAW-CIO stated that the Local was giving the 3rd War Loan Drive which opened today its full support. Mr. Schultz said, "we have supported all the war bond drives in the 65 plants in which we hold the contracts. Our more than 30,000 members have, from the very beginning of the payroll deduction plan given generously to aid the war effort".

The Third War Loan Drive, which opens today, will continue throughout the month of September until Oct. 9, inclusive. The Treasury Department has set the goal for 15 billion dollars, which will finance the attack against the Axis and go a long way toward supplying the materials to supply the knockout of the Axis.

Buy an Extra Bond

Mr. Schultz pointed out that the bond drive to be successful needs but slightly more help than the workers already are giving. "If each worker will add just one additional bond over and above that which he ordinarily purchases, this bond drive will be a great success. If we all give that extra something during this month, the fate of the Axis may well be sealed," he said.

International President R. J. Thomas has sent out a letter to all UAW Locals urging their support of the bond drive, and Regional Director Richard Gosser is giving the drive his personal support. Director Gosser said, "We know that we can achieve the goal set for our union by the drive heads. I am certain that our people will not only manage to raise the amount set for them, but that they will do what they always have done, and oversubscribe their quota."

War Bond drive officials point out that purchasing the bonds not only aids the government in financing the war effort, but that the money paid into the Treasury for the bonds represents an iron-clad security and one of the best means of savings possible at this time.

Volunteer bond salesmen are needed in the Unions as elsewhere. Many Units are passing motions to purchase bonds and every effort is being made at the very beginning of the drive to get the program off to flying start.

Buy an extra bond this month.

WMC OUT FOR BRIDGE PLAYERS

WASHINGTON—The War Manpower Commission, starting a drive to recruit one million women workers by March 1, 1944, will concentrate in September on bridge players and wives who stay home because there is no financial necessity to work.

OPERATORS RISK SEAMEN'S LIVES

NEW YORK — American shipping interests are deliberately risking the lives of U. S. seamen by ignoring the War Shipping Administration's order to assign two radio operators to each merchant vessel, the American Communications Association, CIO, charged.

Asks FDR To Seize Plant

CHICAGO, Sept. 3 (FP)—Government seizure of the Allis-Chalmers Springfield plant "for persistent and repeated violation of contract and refusal to comply with directives of the War Labor Board has been asked of President Roosevelt by President Grant Oakes of United Farm Equipment and Metal Workers (CIO).

The plant was the first in which a strike vote under the Smith-Connally act was taken. The vote was held at the request of District 50, United Mine workers (unaffiliated).

UFE Local 120 is the certified bargaining agency for the plant. The NLRB recently denied a request by Dist. 50 for a collective bargaining agency election in the plant.

Oakes' wire declared that "government seizure is imperative to assure uninterrupted production and compliance with WLB directives."

Political Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Political Activities Committee Tuesday, September 14 at 8:00 p. m. at Local 12, 425 Winthrop St. All workers in Local 12 shops are requested to attend this meeting, regardless whether or not they are members of the committee. This is a highly important meeting and everyone is urged to attend it. There will be a meeting for night shift workers in Local 12 plants, Wednesday, September 15 at 10:00 a. m.

Council Gives Authority To City's Board of Health

Legislation was passed by City Council at its Tuesday meeting to give the Board of Health the authority which it has sought for some time; but which was denied it because of the efforts of Councilman Howard W. Etchen to defeat it prior to Tuesday. While the legislation is simply an ordinance to bring Toledo into line with the terms of the state law, it has been consistently opposed by Councilman Etchen, who even sought to discredit Dr. Earl E. Kleinschmidt, city health commissioner, in his efforts to defeat the legislation.

Strangely enough, the vote was unanimous in favor of passing the public health measure with all eight councilmen voting for the measure. Councilman Etchen's friends all deserted him, including Councilmen Addison Q. Thacher, Louie Czelusta and Arthur Jurrus. Councilman Etchen was not present to vote due to chronic sinus trouble which is greatly aggravated by damp weather.

SLOW TIME, OCT. 1

According to an ordinance passed last spring, Toledoans will set their clocks back one hour on Oct. 1, matching the time set by the Ohio Legislature.

An inclusion in all future public utilities franchises of a provision prohibiting discrimination against race, color and creed was allowed in an ordinance passed by council.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ordinances and resolutions passed included an additional appropriation of $18,037.26 from the gasoline tax fund for the paving of Main St. Permission for the Waite High School Athletic Association to erect a banner over Main St. announcing its 1943 football schedule. Permission for the erection of a canopy over the entrance of the Repertoire Little Theatre at 16 10th St. An ordinance fixing the compensation of operating engineers.

Approximately 40 spectators, representing three groups, were present to witness council's handling of their interests.

U. S. Recovers $4,000,000,000 'Take'

NEW YORK—(FP)—Recovery of $4,000,000,000 in super excess profits was accomplished through re-negotiation of war contracts up to July 31, 1943, Economic Notes, published -monthly by Labor Research Association, reports.

By whittling down to life size the fancy sums allowed the corporations, government departments rescued the following amounts: Army, $2,743,500,000; Navy, $1103,143,000; Maritime Commission, $106,742,000; United States Treasury, $2,460,000.

Of this total, $1,787,923,000 represented recovery of excessive profits already realized. The remainder, $2,167,922,000, represents price reductions for future deliveries on existing contracts.

20 Days

Only 20 days yet remain to register for voting. Everybody is inclined to be a trifle negligent, particularly when it comes to voting. Why not go to the Board of Elections, 217 Superior St., next to the Esquire Theater, and register NOW? If you have not voted in the last two general elections you must register.

Toledo Tool Maintenance Council Shows Growth

Approximately 300 new members have joined the Toledo Tool, Die and Maintenance Council since its reorganization early in June of this year, according to Charles Ballard, International representative, in charge of the Council.

Regular meetings are held by the Council on the third Thursday of each month with a discussion of the common problems of the skilled trades within the UAW-CIO.

Organized primarily to give the skilled trades a common ground on which to meet and conduct discussions of their common interests and problems, the reactivating of the Council has awakened new interests in the skilled workers within the UAW as is attested by the remarkable growth of the organization since its recent reorganization.

Eligible to join the organization are tool and die makers, gauge and template makers, die inspectors, machine repairmen, electricians, millwrights, tool engineers and similar skilled workers.

All skilled UAW-CIO members, regardless of what shop they may work in, are eligible for membership.

Officers of the Tool and Die Council are Walter Harris, Auto-Lite, president; Henry Baker, Mayle Manufacturing Co., chairman; John DeBoer, Spicer, secretary-treasurer.

FDR DENOUNCES COLUMNIST

WASHINGTON— President Roosevelt termed Columnist Drew Pearson a "chronic liar" in answer to the newspaperman's attack on Secretary of State Corddell Hull. Pearson had accused Hull of being anti-Soviet.

Oppose Work Camps In Louisiana

WASHINGTON—(FP)—Opposition to the establishment of temporary work camps in the Louisiana sugar cane area to provide prisoners for work in the fields has been expressed to the War Department by the Southern Defense Command.

Do You Know About the Smith-Connally Act?

This is the first of a series of articles dealing with the Smith-Connally Act which has been so thoroughly condemned by Labor. Edward Lamb, well-known Toledo labor attorney, will explain the meaning of this act in understandable terms so all the workers and readers of the TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL will understand it.

By Edward Lamb

American labor is much corcerned with the implications of the law introduced into Congress by Representative Howard Smith of Virginia and Senator Tom Connally of Texas, a law which Congress passed over the President's veto.

Immediately Phillip Murray of the C. I. O. William Green of the A. F. of L. and David D. Robertson, president of one of the Railroad Brotherhoods, said of the law, "The War Labor Disputes Act is a wicked vicious bill. It is the worst anti-labor bill passed by Congress in the last hundred years. It is born of revenge and malice. It is the very essence of fascism. It destroys the philosophy of voluntarism on which free trade unionism is founded. It does more—it destroys the foundation on which the principles of collective bargaining rest."

The President, in vetoeing the bill, emphasized that labor was correct in its contentions when he stated, "Far from discouraging strikes, these provisions would stimulate labor unrest and give government sanction to strike agitation. He foresaw that the 30-day no-strike period might well become a boiling period instead of a cooling period."

ACT OF LABOR HATERS

The War Labor Disputes Act became law. Labor recognized it for what it was, not an instrument to help win the war and defeat Hitler, but a rotten hodge-podge of the wrath of America's labor haters. Immediately it was utilized to indict a large number of miners in Pittsburgh. In spite of the provocation, however, labor's leaders reiterated their no-strike pledge and urged all workers to continue the fight for all-out production in order to defeat the Axis.

The terms of the Smith-Connally Act must be understood by every member of organized labor, for its penalties are severe and its terms extremely subtle. It should be noted, first, that the president may take possession of any plant whenever his investigation shows that an interruption of production, because of a strike or "labor disturbance" might impede or delay war production, or that seizure is necessary to insure operation in the interest of the war effort. The employers slipped in a sleeper, however, and the act requires that the President must return the plant to the owners not later than sixty days after "productive efficiency has been restored." (Section 3.) Labor knows that most employers think that they break a strike threat if the plant is under government control for as much as sixty days!

PROMOTER OF CONFUSION

Sections four and five of the act provide that upon seizure of the plant, the terms and conditions of employment which were in effect at the time of the seizure remain in effect unless changed by the War Labor Board upon application of the government agency running the plant, or upon application of a majority of the employees of the plant. It is easy to foresee the utter confusion which must arise under the Act where disputes exist as to the appropriate unit, or where a majority has not been certified for the whole, or even a part of, the war plant.

UNION ACTIVITY FORBIDDEN

Section 6 of the act contains the most serious threats to trade unions. After the plant is seized under order of the President, and while it remains in Government possession, union activity is practically forbidden. This section of the act provides criminal penalties of imprisonment up to one year and a fine up to $5000.00 or both, and is not limited to those who engage in strikes in government operated plants. It also covers those who "induce, conspire with or encourage any person to interfere by lock-out, strike, slowdown or otherwise interrupt the operation of the plant." Does this mean that an ordinary shop committee meeting where grievances are discussed constitute an encouragement of an "interruption of production?" Indeed, all persons who aid in the so-called interference "by giving direction or guidance," or by providing funds, or by paying benefits are brought within the prohibitions of the criminal law!

It becomes obvious that labor, more than ever, must use existing governmental machinery to settle disputes which cannot be settled by direct negotiation with management. Insist upon the assistance which can be afforded by the United States conciliation and other mediation services. The senseless provisions of the Smith-Connally Act may be construed to mean that individuals who quit work simultaneously—even where there is a shut down of the plant—may be guilty of a "conspiracy" and thus subject to prosecution under the criminal provisions of the act.

MUST SERVE NOTICE

Section 8 of the act provides that labor unions must give notice of the existence of a dispute which may lead to a strike. This tricky provision is certainly going to give labor a lot of trouble. It is an open invitation to strike action at the very time when labor is pledged to no-strike action. Generally, the provision of the act seeks to compel labor representatives to give notice of disputes which threaten production.

After notice is given that a grievance exists, production must continue uninterrupted for 30 days, then on the 30th day an election on the strike question is held, but the strike vote binds nobody. However, if the notice is not given and there is an interruption of production in the 30-day period, unions and union members may be sued for damages either by the government or by the employer!

Clothing Workers Put On Bond Drive

NEW YORK — (FP)—Working under the slogan, Clothe the Army, the Amalgamated Clothing Workers (CIO) will put on a war bond campaign among its 325,000 members from Sept. 1 to Oct. 31 through which it expects to sell $5,000,000 in war bonds.

HITLER KILLS MILLONS OF JEWS

NEW YORK—Hitler's unrelent-warfare against the Jews in his 10 years of power has reduced the Jewish population of Europe from 8,300,000 to little more than 3,000,000, a 300-page document issued by the Institute of Jewish Affairs reveals.

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Once Upon A Time . . .

By J. E. (Arizona Jack) Harris

A SCAB

Once upon a time there was a SCAB . . . he wouldn't have anything to do with a UNION. . . . But everywhere he went to look for a job there was a UNION.

One fine day he took a job in a factory. . . . He worked about 15 minutes when one of his fellow-workers asked him if he had a UNION CARD and was a UNION MAN. . . . "No," he said, "is this a union shop, too?" . . . "Yeah," said the other guy. So the SCAB said, "Well, I'll be d—d if I'll work on a Union job, to L with all Unions." . . . So he hunted up the boss and said, "Say, boss, pay me off, I won't work on a union job." So the Boss paid him the two bits he had coming for the few minutes he had worked.

The SCAB took the two bits he had earned and went into a butcher shop. . . . He asked the butcher to give him the biggest hunk of cow he could get for his 25 cents . . . the butcher handed him a cow's head . . . so he took the head and started to walk down the street with it . . . all at once he began to wonder, is this cow's head union. So he turned around and went back to the butcher shop.

When he reached the butcher shop he asked the butch . . . "Say, Butch, is this cow's head Union or non-Union?" The butcher said, "It is Union. Why?" So the SCAB said, "Then take it back, I don't want anything to do with anything that's Union." "Well," said the butcher, "if that's all that's troubling you I can make it non-union for you." "OK," said the SCAB, "go ahead and make it non-union."

So the butcher went to work on the cow's head. After about five minutes of sawing and cutting he came back with the head. . . . "There you are," said the butch as he handed the cow's head back to the SCAB. As the SCAB took it he said, "Say, Butch, what did you do to the cow's head to make it non-union?" . . . The butcher smiled and said, "Oh, nothing much, I just took the brains out of it."

Moral: Even a cow has brains.

You Can't Keep a Good Man Down

Marchers Parade In Heavy Rain

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brilliant golden plumed looked bedraggled from the moisture.

Watchers Still Hang On

Despite the rain which cut down the marchers to but a fraction of what would have been had the day been more satisfactory, there were still in the neighborhood of 6500 in line when the march began down Monroe St. at 11:00 a. m. It was one of the smallest CIO parades in recent years; but it was one of the best because the marchers went on in the face of the rain and received the cheers of onlookers who took to the shelter of store awnings, doorways and other spots to view the procession.

Two of the marchers who enjoyed the rain were Pfc. Richard Leaf and Pfc. Donald Wilson wearers of the Purple Heart wounded in action in the Pacific warfare. Both boys said that after the rains they had endured in their experience in the Pacific, the Toledo rain was a pleasure.

Both the picnic and ball game scheduled for Ottawa Park were rained out although many of the hardier members came out with their lunches and made an attempt to eat between showers.

Entertainment was provided for those who braved the rain. Lieut. Col. Charles Kerwood, Washington, well known Army flier who also served in the last World War was the principal speaker, while Privates Leaf and Wilson toldd of their experiences in the fighting fronts of the Pacific. The two soldiers are patients of Billings General Hospital, Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind.

Out of the 11 floats in the line of march, prizes were awarded to the following! Construction Workers Union first place, with a float depicting the Four Freedoms; Auto-Lite, second; Champion Spark Plug, third and Willys-Overland, honorable mention. Judges for the floats were Councilman Michael DiSalle, and Attorneys Moe Okun and Edward Lamb.

CIO leader expressed their satisfaction with the parade, and the general consensus of opinion was that the parade was rained upon but not rained out. The feeling was that the spirit of the CIO was as strong as ever and that the parade was a great success.

The Memory Lingers On

WASHINGTON (FP)—Shades of the mistakes in judgment made by various and sundry news commentators and military experts on the strength and fighting ability of the Red Army along about June 22, 1941, were evoked here Aug. 30.

The Soviet Union announced that Taganrog had been taken from the Nazis. This followed by about 12 hours publication of an official summary of the week's war news by Col. R. Ernest Dupuy, chief of the War Department's news bureau, who said among other things:

"It is too early yet to draw definite conclusions that the Axis must fall back on the Dnieper River line. Its southern flank remains firmly anchored at Taganrog, on the Sea of Azov."

Physical Handicap No Obstacle for Unionist

Lee A. Haight, member of the Willys-Overland Unit of Local 12 since its organization and an employee of the company since 1916, went back to work last Tuesday morning at the Willys plant.

Lee's returning to his employment was not just an ordinary man going to an ordinary job; but represented a triumph for a physically handicapped man who has successfully overcome the loss of both legs and was coming back to his employment happy to be able to do his bit for the war effort in a crucial time when every man counts.

Carefully Mr. Haight was lifted by Robert Cousino, chairman of the Willys Unit welfare committee, from the car which had been sent to bring him back to work. He was placed in a wheel chair provided by the Unit and wheeled into Department 502, where he will work as a timekeeper under L. E. Shigley.

Happy to Return

You could tell by his smile that Lee was happy to return to his plant. He pulled his wheel chair up to the desk, put on his glasses and prepared to go to work.

And Mrs. Haight, who had accompanied her husband on his return trip to work, was happy, too. She said that her husband had been anxious to return to work and had been eagerly waiting until his health would permit it. She said she was very happy about everything, happy that her husband was well enough to take his place in war industry, and happy for him because she knew he would be more contented and satisfied now that he was again able to contribute his bit.

Plans for Future

As for Lee, he has plans for the future. He is going to work and buy bonds and do everything that any other worker in the Willys-Overland plant does. Meanwhile, the Unit is planning on getting artificial legs for their member as soon as possible to aid him in getting around with greater ease.

Charles Ballard, Unit chairman, said, "We are glad to have Lee back in the plant because we know he will not only aid the war effort, but because he has been a faithful member of our organization from the beginning. We wish him a lot of luck in his new job and are confident everything will work out fine for him."

Transportation will be provided by Ray Cooper, vice-chairman of the Willys welfare committee.

Mr. and Mrs. Haight live at 714 Percy St. They have three children, two boys and one girl. One of their sons is serving with the armed forces.

LACK OF PLANNING DELAYING PRODUCTION

NEW YORK — America is not meeting its war production schedules for one chief reason: failure of Director James F. Byrnes of the Office of War Mobilization to set up a system of overall planning as outlined early this year in the Tolan-Kilgore-Pepper bill, Labor Research Assn. said.

Pearson Is A Little Late

"Few people are aware of the fact," said Drew Person's Aug. 31 Merry-Go-Round, "that one of our biggest tire plants, with a capacity of 20,000 tires a day, has been literally lifted from its Henry Ford foundations in Dearborn, Mich., and sent to the Soviets." Federated Press announced the removal in its Nov. 1, 1942, release. The Ford publicity man told FP the plant would be shipped via the Pacific, but FP suppressed that detail.

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'41 Ford Super Tudor
'41 Plymouth Special Town Sedan
'41 Buick Special Sedanette

JIM WHITE
Your Chevrolet Dealer
Adams at 10th

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pointing out to President Koontz that there already was a motion upon the floor which should be acted upon before the second motion was in order.

Koontz Loses Temper

President Koontz grew very angry, stammered, turned red and blustered. He told the member who had risen to a point of order, "Listen we are not trying to railroad something through here." The member then said, "Are you running this meeting according to Roberts' Rules of Order, which are supposed to govern this meeting according to our constitution?" Koontz then replied: "We are running this meeting according to Scale Workers rules." He was then asked to read the constitution, but took a blustering, irate attitude, and did not read the rules of order according to the request.

In the end, Koontz decided that it would be best to dispose of the first motion.

Next error of President Koontz came on a motion pertaining to the hours and days which the employes desired to work. This time President Koontz sought to have a secret ballot and ordered the papers passed out for the vote.

Koontz tried to railroad the secret ballot, and again his attention was called to page 189 of Roberts' Rules of Order, Revised Edition, which states that unless there are specific rules in the by-laws, no secret ballot shall be conducted on any question save that of an election of officers, expulsion, or upon vote of the membership.

Koontz Face Saved

No sooner had this been brought out that one of the members, apparently wishing to save President Koontz' face and hide his ignorance of parliamentary law, arose to make a motion that the vote be by secret ballot. The motion was passed and the secret ballot cast.

Wanted Five-Day Week

When the meeting was over, the member who made the motion for the secret ballot confessed that he felt sorry for Koontz and wanted to save him from taking a beating because of his lack of knowledge on how to conduct a meeting under Roberts' Rules of Order.

The motion which was passed by the meeting was that the factory should work four days of 10 hours each and one day of eight hours. This was to eliminate Saturday work and save the gasoline which the extra day of work would require.

Work would be continued under the same arrangements which now prevail in those departments working in excess of 48 hours, according to the terms of the motion.

After the motion was passed, President Koontz said there would be no more Saturday work and that the action of the members in passing the motion was final.

Committee Reverses Mandate

When the central committee voted on the motion at its meeting of Sept. 3, it reversed the mandate of the membership and agreed to continue working Saturdays for the next two weeks "to give the company an opportunity to change its mind," in direct and flagrant violation of the expressed wish of the majority of the union, which voted not to work Saturdays.

The Raps Multiply

The central committee meeting was called by the executive committee in direct violation of the company-dominated union by-laws, Article 7, Section 5, and was used by the executive committee headed by President Koontz to do its work.

Dissatisfaction, which has been growing with the leadership of the company-dominated union, is reaching a new high in the Scale plant. Workers are saying that elementary things, not only about a union which is under the thumb of the company management, but which is dominated by an officer who doesn't know the first fundamentals of conducting a meeting.

"How in hell can we dissolve this farce?" asked one member following the culmination of the union's blundering with the 48-hour week, while another one said, "What can you expect of union meetings held on company property?"

Sympathy for President Koontz widely expressed among members is now turning to scorn, as they refer to him as "kink" Koontz, who makes his own rules. One member said, "I don't get it. Koontz is supposed to represent the union members, but he spends entirely too much time alone in the management's office."

Best remark heard following the reversal of the union by the central committee was to the effect, "We might as well elect Dick Herron (personnel officer for the company) as president of our union. He's running it anyway, and, besides, he's at least intelligent enough to know how to run a meeting according to Roberts' Rules of Order."

Unions Step Up Production

NEWARK—(FP)—The Greater Newark Industrial Union Council is planning a campaign among northern Jersey union workers to increase the flow of munitions by 30% between now and the end of the year. Prizes in war bonds will be offered to the three union workers, AFL or CIO, who develop the best production short cuts.

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Information on the 3rd War Loan!

Thursday, Sept., 9, will launch the 3rd War Loan. Thursday, Sept. 16, will be "American Heroes Day," a tribute to the men and women in the services; Sept. 23 will be "Axis Pay Day"; Sept. 30 will be "Sacrifice Day." Help Toledo go over the top by buying Bonds and MORE BONDS all month long. Do your part!

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Willys Seeing Eye

Our friend and brother, Andy [illegible]r, of Dept. 382, did take the [illegible]ant foreman job under Bill May just for one purpose: to help his younger union brothers. Andy had to learn the hard way, such as wrestling cylinder blocks, clean and greasy, from boxcar and truck to the assembly line, and he said that any time any of the boys needed any help or advice all they had to do was to ask for it.

LABOR PARADE

This year's parade was something that will be long remembered by every true union member. We said if they can take a good ducking, they will be able to do a good job on the picket line. Well, they really got wet Monday, and some of the younger members took it like the old veterans, and boys and girls did we get wet, from the skin out, and afterwards, when no one could criticize us, from the skin in, to stave off the cold that we were sure we would catch if we didn't use a preventive.

We might have had a bedraggled look after the parade, but we proved something that we tried to find out for years, and that is just one thing: the CIO can take it, rain or shine, barefooted or with boots on. Thanks to all the members who paraded Monday, as you put the fear of God in every reactionary industrialist's heart in Region 2-B.

Sure Brother Gosser was in the parade. We who knew him from the begining of this one and only union for workers of every description, know that the only thing that would keep him out of our parade would be to tie him in bed, lock the door and throw the key away.

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Mr. Johnson took over Al's job while he was on vacation. Does that mean the brunette that haunts the desk goes with it?

Jeane Molnar is really keeping the Rainbow Room going lately. We wondered why she had circles under her lovely violet eyes.

Have you noticed Ted Kolebuck's new junior clerk lately?

Delores L. ate two boxes of ice cream one afternoon not so long ago. Watch that diet, Delores.

What chubby Comp. girl is in a whirl
With that skinny goon at the greasy spoon?
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Brother, that's no pair,
That's a drunk's nite mare.
—By Dountime, Duckbill and Crank

Florence Poling's brithday, Aug. 25, 1943. She did not bring a cake. It was chicken and potato chips. You should have seen how the girls cleaned out that box while the boss looked on, like a sly old fox. It's a good thing my birthday comes only once a year. For, oh, boy! How that chicken did disappear. Then they sang Happy Birthday at the end of the meal. You'll never know how good it made me feel. So, happy birthday, Florence, you're a great old gal. A girl like you can always be our pal.

DEPT. 763 NIGHTS

Here's little Charlie with the latest from final assembly. If you see a beehive of activity like Broadway and 42nd Street, that's us. First of all, hats off to our swell steward, Emily Ptaszynski, who is always with and for the workers. People like you are hard to find. What's this we hear about love birds? Does the Company pay the boss to work? It would be naughty to get that pretty shirt soiled. New employes please not: No trouble is too large or too small for a good union man to listen to, or handle. Rely on your stewards. I wonder who the skin butchers are? Maybe John Janicki knows. It sure is a mystery to me.

Farm Labor Figures of BAE Challenged

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1 (FP)—The Bureau of Agriculture Economics has put out figures in variance with those of the Department of Commerce census figures on the farm labor force, and on these figures bases its estimate that the nation is short 750,000 agricultural workers.

BAE estimates for the total number of farm workers, including farm operators and their families and hired labor, was 11,749,000 for the week ending July 1, said to be a peak period, and 11,000,000 for the week ending Aug. 1, a 6 per cent drop.

But Department of Commerce census figures show 12.1 million employed for the week ending July 10. Total farm employment figures for the nation are not significant, however, in view of the freezing of farm labor in counties, which intensifies local shortages in some areas.

DeVilbiss News

By Frank Sido.

Plans for the DeVilbiss Unit picnic have been completed and from reports received from the entertainment committee, everyone should have a fine time. Don't forget the date and location: Willow Beach, Sept. 12, beginning at 10 a. m.

By the time this goes to press the Executive Committee will have started negotiations with the management for a new contract for the coming year. Reports will be made to the membership at our regular meetings on the progress that is being made.

Henry (Skinny) Laurich has been assigned as manager of the DeVilbiss Unit Bowling League to represent the Unit in the UAW All-Star League. Let's all get behind Hank and his boys and give them some real support on bowling nights.

Hedwig, the saintly newcomer in the braider room, promises to become a real rebel and may actually put the other braider room rebels to shame. Reports have it that she already has put a certain set-up man in his place. A little trick that the olders have been trying to do (without success) for years.

Fred (Poopy) Paupard is contemplating an early invasion by the Axis powers and has installed a smoke screen device on the old Oldsmobile. What are your burning, Poopy, Ohio Lump?

Harry Hill has taken a 30-day leave for his health. Seems he is suffering from an acute attack of Fishpoleitis. Hope they are biting well, Harry.

Clarence (Eagle Beak) Burley returned from his vacation as clean as a society debutante. No scars or cauliflower ears this trip. Which has improved, Burley, your conduct or self defense?

Norma Schafer spent most of a week traveling to Chicago to see a football game. Seems odd that a braider room rebel would give up feuding for such a long time to indulge in such a mild form of recreation.

The new DeVilbiss factory badges were passed out recently and caused a near riot. Too bad that Allen was so thoughtless and failed to have a handle attached so we could carry them like picket signs. They look more like a billboard advertisement for Prince Albert tobacco than a factory badge.

Who was the absent-minded welder who walked home from work recently and then had to walk back after his car? Morgenthau got you worried a little, Billy?

We hear that Frank (Five Brothers) Hargreaves is taking his wife on a second honeymoon to Buffalo and Niagara Falls during the coming convention. Been in the dog house again, Frank?

Have you ever seen the candy hogs in action? Several employes who have no consideration for their fellow employes have been seen to rush the candy machines as soon as they are filled and taking as many as a dozen candy bars home in their lunch boxes. This is about the lowest type of a HOARDER on record and I hope this report will awaken a spark of decency in them before they are made knonwn to the membership as a whole.

Porcelain Pot Shots

Last week's Labor Day Edition was a decided success in spite of the omission of this and other columns. Its success was due largely to the contributions made by Local 12's various units and the overwhelming amount of advertising given by the shops whose employes are members of the local. (Any similarity to the Toledo Porcelain Enamel Products Co. is purely coincidental.)

Arthur Murray, dance instructor, could take a lesson from Brothers Wurzell and Campbell. Could be the rumor that the WLB granted that mammoth 5c increase, so generously offered by TPEP, made them forget themselves for the momenet.

The uncovering of $50,000 in jewels in a Texas junk yard recently might possibly have some connection with Matches' daily junket through Rosen's.

Apparently the only reason that 10-Fingers keeps passing the buck, including the additional duties of "Clara the Clerk," is so he may have more time to write five-page letters. The same procedure should apply to him that our vice-president insists the committee follow, that of doing such things after 3:30.

It has been the subject for considerable discussion for some weeks now as to what Brother Frank Powers does with those stools when he takes them back in the corner. Of course, the reason might be simply to fix them.

Among his many other accomplishments, Brother Ted Podie has begun the study of chiropody. At least that was the conclusion drawn when he was noted washing Rosalie's tootsies in the wash booth. By the way, Rosalie's little son (the lucky fellow) made quite a hit with the rest of the harem the day she had him in the shop.

It wouldn't do for Mike Stifel to go home early very often. He gave our two brushers, Ruth and Rosemary, quite a thrill while changing his jeans.

Speaking of thrills, our weed-gardener, Benny Ptake, is practicing for a future in clay modeling. His likenesses of various subjects are indeed a sight. How about it, girls?

And speaking of gardens, the tomato stories are fast becoming comparable to those fish stories heard at a different time of year. Cabbage-head Mitchell might get a few pointers by viewing Campbell's vegetable stand at Haverhill and Berdan.

Progressive To Write for Labor Press

NEW YORK, Sept. 4 (FP) — William S. Gilmor, whose progressive radio comments here have won him praise from both AFL and CIO unions, will set his punchy comments down on paper for readers of the nation's labor press.

Federated Press, only American independent cooperative labor press service, announced Sept. 3 that Gailmor would begin a column, OF THE PEOPLE, for its member papers, including the TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL following Labor Day.

Gilmor, former foreign correspondent in the Middle East and himself an active union member, was cited by the recent convention of the National Maritime Union (CIO) for his "outstanding contribution to the labor movement" made in his broadcasts. Gilmor's radio program, over Station WHN here, also has brought praise from local AFL unions.

National Supply

Editor's Note: Due to conditions over which we had no control, this column was inadvertently omitted form the Labor Day paper. Sorry, but it was just one of those ethings.

By "Shorty" Sager

and MARCH! MARCH! MARCH! AROUND THE SHOP

We understand that Eddie Dressel Sr., after forty-five years of active service with our company has retired through illness, which we all hope is just temparary, and he can be back with us some day. Dept. 36 doesn't seem the same without Eddie, and the boys miss him very much. Eddie was one of the men who received the Army-Navy E flag on behalf of our company. You fellows in your spare time can call on Eddie in his home at 1108 Coventry. Good luck, Eddie.

Willard McCartney has recently been home from the Seabees on a furlough. If he is an example of our fighting men, it's going to be too bad for the Axis, as he is in the pink of condition. We wish Willard a lot of luck.

Anold Badenhoph, leader in Dept. 36, has been running around with his chest out since Mamma presented him with a bouncing baby boy. Congratulations to you both, Mr. and Mrs. Badenhoph.

Freddy Krieger J & L operator in Dept. 36 is convalescing at his daughter's home in Point Place, after a serious operation. We wish you a speedy recovery, Freddy.

Ernie Green, Dept. 38, is the proud papa of a baby girl. Congratulations to you both, Mr. and Mrs. Green.

Oh, by the way! Have you registered yet at the board of elections so you can vote this fall? If not, run hop, or skip down there next to the Esquire Theatre at 217 Superior St. Also, don't forget Tom Burke for council.

Who is the guy in Dept. 30 with a new method of cutting red steel tool bits with a hacksaw? For further information see Walter Zerbie.

Don't be surprised if you see George Neimire behind Tiedtke's counter selling fish, as he has a good line. I mean "fish line." Just for fun, George.

Harve (Tommy Manville) Gowman, Dept. 38, well known East Side sheik, is willing to trade any of his bevy of beauties for a zoot suit, which will make him a full-fledged wolf. Then his ambitions will be realized.

The boys in Dept. 37 are saving all the postcards from the service boys from their department and placing them on a board on the wall. That's what I call being patriotic. It's men like this and our unit as a whole that will see these boys get their jobs back when this war is over. Congratulations, Brothers.

The three men who were elected to attend the International Convention at Buffalo are, president, Ed Birtwhistle; vice-president John DeWitt; secretary, Ed Fitzgerald. Alternates are Wesley Harris, Sr., Joe Biscay and Roy Thurman.

I notice as I walk along Delaware Ave. our Army-Navy E flag is flying with Old Glory and it sure is a nice sight.

Meredith (Buzz) Price, Navy inspector, is coming along fine after spending 18 days in the hospital and having only three visitors from the shop. We're sorry, Buzz, but I guess the boys just didn't think of coming to see you with gas rationing. But we'll be glad to see you get back. Hurry up and get well, fella.

I will see all of you brothers at our next meeting, the second Thursday in September.

Rail Labor Chiefs Spur Drive

WASHINGTON (FP) — The Railway Labor Executives' Association, representing unions with 1,500,000 members, speeded up preparation for a nation-wide drive to register every member and voting member of his family, neighbors and friends, at a two-day meeting here recently.

The rail brotherhoods are concentrating on the south, and in polltax states are urging members to crusade in their neighborhoods and shops to get their fellow voters to pay their poll taxes. Rail labor did much, in common with the AFL and CIO, to aid the successful course of HR 7, the Marcantonio anti-poll tax bill, through the house.

The Acklinite

By Lewis Mattox

The Acklin Unit was well represented at the Labor Day parade. It was a case of "rain or shine—mostly rain". Ye Olde Acklin Unit may well be proud of itself!

Sister Clara Renz is in charge of the Acklin portion of the third War Bond drive, which will begin September 9th. Let's make the drive a big success. The more bonds we buy the more we'll have saved for that rainy day, and if nobody bought bonds, just think of the taxes we'd have to pay. This way you get it back with interest!

The sick list contains the names of Sisters Ruth Young, Stella Winchevich and Effie Johnson Kading. Let's visit them, folks.

Our Executive Shop Committee believes that the Acklin plant deserves an Army-Navy "E", and a part of our program is the installation of a large bulletin board in Dept. 60. Your help will be appreciated on this item.

Brother Charlie Bennett is quite an imitator, and entertains the die shop men during lunch hour. Keep 'em smiling, Charlie.

Hey, you bowlers, we are planning on entering a team in the Local 12 Bowling League, All-Star Division. Watch the bulletin Board for details.

Ollie Traskowski has been appointed to head the Acklin Political Activities Committee for the 1943 drive, assisted by Dan Zielinski, Frank Wekwert and others yet to be named. Don't forget to register by October 4th, so you can vote first choice for Tommy Burke.

WLB CUTS CASES

WASHINGTON—The number of cases pending before regional War Labor Boards has been cut 30 per cent in the last two and a half months, WLB Chairman William H. Davis said in issuing the board's report to the senate for June.

Champion Sparklets

Once again we have the confusion of two girls named Dorothy will be able to keep your "Manns" separate.

We wonder if it is possible for the Company to start making out our next year's vacation checks now so that by August, 1944, we can have money for our much deserved vacations.

Last Thursday night, when most people were probably enjoying a pleasant evening at home, DeWayne Wisebaker, Grace Mahler, Irene Cherry and Frances Paskowski were up to their ears in hard, tedious work at the ration boards. They donated their services and time so that the employes of the Champion might be saved the inconvenience of going themselves.

There is all too little appreciation shown to many of the people who time after time work gratis in the interests of the membership. The four mentioned above are a case in point.

Bruce (Lazy Boy) Melvin is laid low with the flu after an appendicitis operation. Can you imagine that guy quiet and inactive? That is a poor excuse for not being here to do your work in the Transportation Committee office, Bruce. And did you only pick an appropriate time. Right when all the gas books were running out. Now aren't you ashamed of yourself? You should be here to see DeWayne sweat. You don't know what you're missing.

Thelma Obney of the Aviation underwent an appendectomy at Mercy Hospital last week. Here's hoping for a speedy recovery and quick return.

The gals on the second shift are going to start bowling Sept. 14. We're starting out with 10 teams. Let's end up with 10. How's about it, gals?

Congratulations are in order for Lois Swanson and Earl Kramer, who really put one over on all of us. You surely were clever!.

You can't spell VicTory with an absent-T.—By Eleanor Mouch.

We wonder if the fact that the Company promotes an employe to assistant foreman gives him the authority to insult and make wisecracks to girl employes. Watch it, Johnny, boy!

Fern Medley came back after hubby's furlough looking and acting very much like a new bride and acting very happy.

We sure are getting better cooperation out of our three headpins in Dept. L nights. Thanks a lot, boys.

We wonder if Chuck, the gap setter, who was married last Saturday, will be able to go on his new job full of vim and vigor, which consists of opening points. How about it, Chuck?

Ollie and Ethel of Dept. L Detail are going to have a good time on their vacation. Checks or no checks, they're gonna get hitched. Ain't love grand!

RENT CONTROL UNCONSTITUTIONAL

MACON, Ga. — Federal Judge Bascon S. Deaver declared unconstitutional the rent ceiling provisions of the emergency price control act. If upheld by the U. S. supreme court, the decision will wreck the government's entire rent control program.

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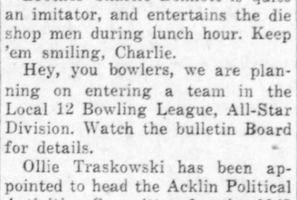

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Third War Loan

No better time could be found for the opening of the Third War Loan Drive than the week marked by the surrender of Italy.

Unconditional surrender of the Italian government to the Allied armies, while not ending the war, has been a giant stride in the direction of victory, and the climax of the war has been reached.

Instead of speculating on how long Germany and Japan will be able to hold out against the growing might of Allied arms, or wishing it was all over, we must all continue our efforts unabated.

No better way could be found to show our confidence in victory and our anxiety to achieve it, than by giving the present war loan drive our fullest support. This is not the time to ease up in our efforts, indeed, it should be a time of increasing them.

Workers of Toledo will not be found wanting in their support, either on the production line or in giving their government the financial aid which it must have in order to carry this war to a successful conclusion. They will not fail now. The Third War Loan must be a success.

Labor Day Parade

That it takes more than a hard rain and a wet pavement to dampen the spirit of the CIO was evidenced in this year's Labor Day parade.

True, there were few who took to the comparative dryness of nearby buildings and awnings when the rain came down, but for the most part, the marchers went on to the end, and even protested when the line of march was shortened to get the people out of the rain.

Regardless of animosities from certain unfriendly sources, those who witnessed the parade called it a great demonstration of loyalty to the workers' cause, and expressed the opinion that it was the cream of the crop which took part in the Labor Day parade—and that there was plenty of cream.

The CIO has put on larger parades in the city, but never a better one than Monday's, in which thousands of loyal workers braved the downpour and went on to stage a great demonstration of solidarity and faith in the cause they represent.

Slapped Down

When Council unanimously passed the health ordinance at its meeting this week, it in effect slapped down Councilman Howard W. Etchen, who, for reasons of his own, was opposed to the legislation.

Taking the health department out of politics and placing it in the hands of a Board of Health, advocated by the TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL and others who are interested in the welfare of citizens of Toledo, was nothing more than bringing the Toledo health department within the existing state laws.

Regardless of the passing of the health ordinance, the voters of Toledo should not forget that it was Councilman Howard W. Etchen, aided and abetted by his fellow conspirators in Council, who opposed the health department and made an issue of it not over two weeks ago.

There is no reason to suppose that those who changed their minds about the health department have undergone a sudden change of heart. They are the same political minded individuals they were before, but they cannot forget that election day is rapidly approaching.

Congress' Return

In a few days, Congress will reconvene in Washington after establishing a new wartime record for sanctioned absenteeism.

Most of the congressmen used the time they were home to repair their political fences, some of them will no doubt show an altered attitude toward labor now that they realize the workers of the country are thoroughly aroused. Most of them will not forget that election is but one year away.

Congressman Homer A. Ramey was one of those representatives who neglected to get in contact with a large segment of the workers of his district, for Congressman Ramey chose to ignore more than 40,000 members of the CIO in Toledo, although he did attend a banquet in his honor given by the AFL while at home.

No doubt Congressman Ramey will hear from the CIO when he returns to Washington and must consider bills opposed to the interest of labor. In the meantime, he is busy cultivating the Chamber of Commerce and Small Businessmen's Association, seeking to re-establish himself in their good graces for his failure to vote against labor.

What's New?

By Edward Duck,
Educational Director, Local 12

Edward J. Duck

THE WORRY WARTS

Things are popping today, and in bunches.

This week Westbrook Pegler celebrates Labor Day by giving the laboring man particular hell by crying about the Wagner Act once again. Of course this isn't unusual, but it shows that his bosses want him to make one last stand to break up organized labor before the war ends.

Wednesday's news contains some very encouraging information as to the war's progress, hinting quite broadly that the whole thing may end much sooner than any of us think if everything continues to go as smoothly as in recent weeks.

Newspaper editorialists are becoming more vicious than ever, because they realize that their time will soon be up. The politicians, too, are becoming a bit uneasy because they see the beginning of the end for them. They know that when the boys return from the fight they will want to see something tangible in the way of results, something like Roosevelt and Wallace have in mind, which the enemies of the people are trying to sabotage.

This is the time we have waited for. It will be here perhaps before we know it. We, too, must get our house in order. With men like Frederick Crawford, president of the NAM, giving forth their views on postwar problems, it behooves us to unite as never before and support those who really represent us.

MORE THAN POLITICS

This suport goes a bit further than politics. It pertains to the unity needed right there in your shop. There are lots of things wrong with some of our shop committees, if we wish to be critical, but nevertheless, these people were chosen by you in free elections, and it wouldn't be a bad idea if, instead of picking at the faults or weaknesses of the committee, you would offer a bit of constructive advice to them on how to improve themselves as union representatives.

And to the shop committees we say this: It isn't like it used to be. You don't bluster any more, you know your stuff, in plain English. Labor relations is a subject to be studied and practiced by intelligent people, men and women who are honest, unselfish and willing to learn. The union representative of today combines the knowledge required in part by the attorney, economist, mathematician, salesman and psychologist. The days of pugilistic leadership are gone. One blunder by the representative and his constituents have lost money, sometimes lots of it.

What some of the shop committees don't know about the National Labor Relations Act, the NLRB, the NWLB, the United States Conciliation Service and its procedure, and a lot of other phases of unionism, would fill a few libraries.

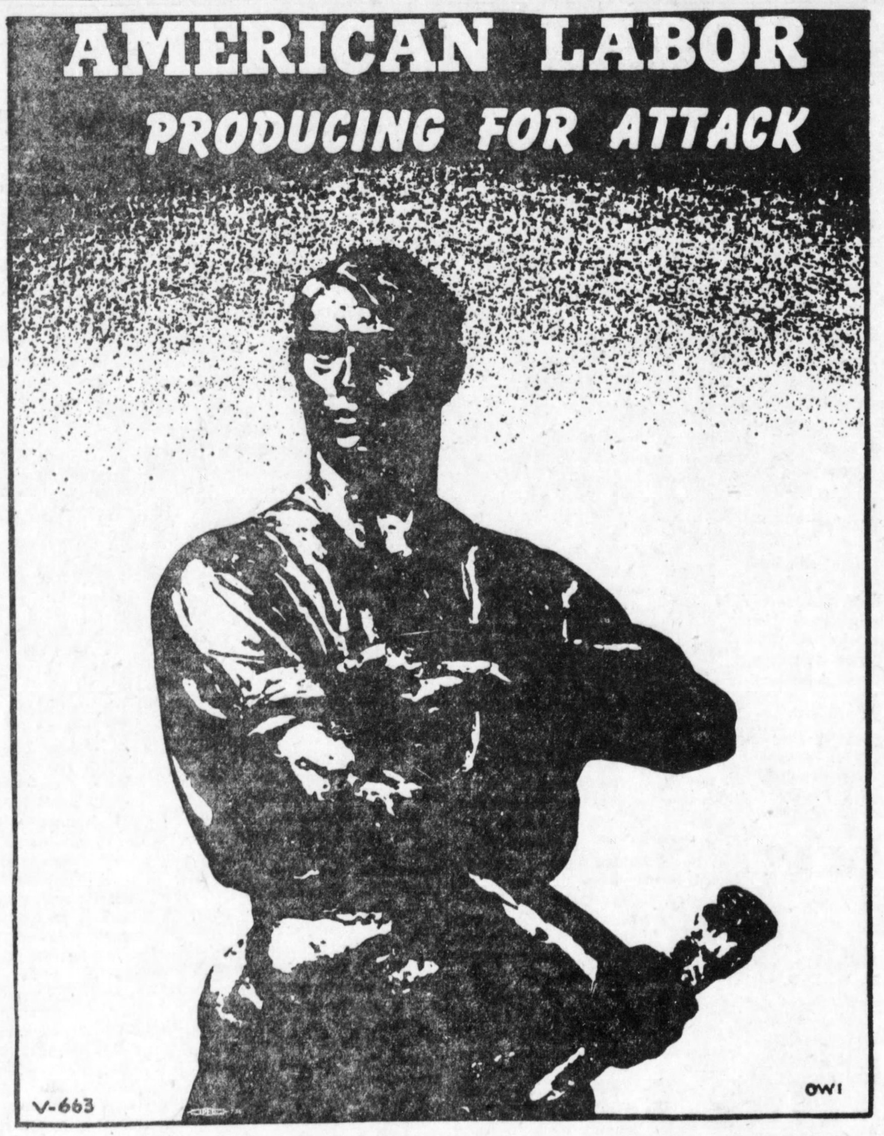
ON YOUR TOES

If we are to prosper, and if our families are to be well fed, well nourished and housed, and live as decent human beings when this war is over, it is up to each of us to be on our toes and keep our representatives on theirs.

Our opponents, the industrialists, are working night and day in an attempt to put profits ahead of human rights. Whether we ever succeed in obtaining things like the thirty-hour week with forty hours pay, improved unemployment insurance and injury compensation, better working conditions in the plants, and all the things which tend toward making this a better world, depends largely on ourselves.

The thing that's worrying the big shots more than anything else, is the possibility of the laboring man taking an interest in elections. Once the workers unite at the polls, the industrialists know that they are completely whipped. You don't need picket lines when you're protected by the law. What if the national wage scale plan were adopted as a national law? What if the annual living wage guarantee were passed by an Act of Congress? Would you need to struggle for a living then?

Wake up your fellow workers. Tell them to get in there and pitch, and give the Peglers and the politicians something to worry about.



It's News To Me

By O. J. Pecord

RAMEY ON SOCIALISM

Representative Homer A. Ramey took occasion last week to sound off before the Toledo Small Businessmen's Association on the proposed "cradle to the grave" social security, saying it had elements of communism in it, and that he was opposed to "socialized" medicine.

We wonder if Mr. Ramey would explain just what he means by socialized medicine, and while he's about it, he might tell us what he knows about the so-called "cradle to the grave" social security that has been advocated for the people of this country.

O. J. Pecord

Sometimes people, especially if they are very very important people like congressmen, city councilmen, or just mere politicians, sound off on a whole host of subjects, and because they have the gift of oratory and a loud voice succeed in fooling a lot of people.

All of us have heard people who could, upon the slightest provocation, give off a lot of superficial talk about a large number of subjects, but who could not give out when it came to any details of their knowledge of the subjects they spoke so knowingly about.

MEDICS' CONGRESSMAN

Perhaps Congressman Ramey is a medics' congressman. Maybe he has promised the organized medical profession that he was going forth to slay the dragon of socialized medicine, which the profession has talked about and feared for so many years.

But before even a congressman can slay anything, he should know what this hated thing really is. Does Mr. Ramey know what socialized medicine is? I doubt it most sincerely, for the socialized medicine about which Mr. Ramey is so concerned is apparently a dragon planted in his mind, perhaps by his own family physician, and consists principally of the argument the American physician has always made against socialized medicine—that it is the old English panel system and that's that.

As a matter of fact, and I sincerely hope our congressman is listening, all that socialized medicine is, is proper medical care for all.

Does that conjure up anything so very bad? I don't think so. Not even the most mercenary physician who has the Oath of Hippocrates hanging in his office waiting room to impress his patients, would disagree that there is anything wrong with the ideal of giving proper medical care to all the people. It seems to me that was one of the ideals upon which medicine was originally founded. But perhaps Mr. Ramey has other ideas.

RICH AND POOR

As matters now stand, the only people who get proper medical care are the rich and the extreme poor. Is this right? I doubt if even a medic would attempt to defend a contrary position, unless he was willing to put the bearded Hippocrates face to the wall and frankly admit that he was a businessman first and a doctor only after that.

For Mr. Ramey's information, socialized medicine need not necessarily be all the things that he and a portion of the organized medical profession fear it might be. Moreover, since the medical profession is so very concerned about socialiezd medicine, why doesn't it come forth with a plan of its own that would give proper care to all people before the state does the job and perhaps bungles it.

WHAT IS RIGHT?

It seems that the really fair and just thing to do is to give proper medical care to all the people. Those who could afford to pay the fees of the high priced specialists would still be the private patients of the medics. Those who could not afford the high fees should not be negelected and perhaps permitted to die before their time because of their economic circumstances.

Mr. Ramey speaks as though socialized medicine would be a major disaster. Apparently Mr. Ramey doesn't know that many members of the medical profession are secretly favorable to socialized medicine, and not a few of them believe it is unjust to deny proper medical care to people because they are unable to pay high fees for diagnostic and theraputic services.

Perhaps Mr. Ramey should study up a bit on socialized medicine. Indeed, Mr. Ramey definitely should find out more about the medical profession which he seems so concerned in defending from any economic hardships.

While our congressman's heart is bleeding for the medical profession and the evil days which he fears lie ahead for it, he should go the whole hog and let a little blood for the workers who have had to contend with the Smith-Connally bill, efforts to sabotage rent control, the failure of the Congress to aid in price rollbacks, placing of impediments in the way of an effective OPA and dozens of other acts which should stir the sympathy of such a tender-hearted humanitarian as Congressman Ramey.

Frankly, I get sick of the malarkey which some of our public officials put out before various groups, but most of all, I am disgusted with those who try to be all things to all people.

"Well," said Mr. Dilworth with a smile, "I see that the egg-producing industry in New Sork state has finally got its back up."

"Back up, Pop? How can they lay eggs in that position?"

"Now, now, Luther, none of your smart cracks. The egg producers have laid down an ultimatum to OPA."

"Would that be known as laying an egg, Pop?"

"Don't be flippant, son. These real leaders of American industry are great men. Not to be treated lightly, Luther. They have told the OPA that unless the ceiling price of eggs is lifted by Sept. 13, they won't sell any eggs."

"I don't want to egg you on, Pop, but isn't that a strike?"

"Well . . . ah . . . um . . . er. Well, Luther, I suppose you might call it that in the vernacular . . ."

"But what do they call it in the egg business, Pop?"

"It's, ahem . . . an egg holiday, Luther."

"You mean the hens get a day off?"

"Now, Luther, don't be silly. I suppose the hen's won't know a thing about it. After all, the OPA hasn't anything to do with hens."

"Unless the egg producers start acting like a chicken with its head cut off, huh, Pop?"

"Luther! These businessmen are responsible leaders in their field. They aren't standing for this regimentation, this continual hamstringing of industry which goes on in Washington."

"So, they're goin' to strike, huh, Pop? I thought you were against strikes."

"I am, Luther. I most definitely am. A strike is a threat to destroy the American system. And while in wartime labor has given up its strikes, that is not sufficient Luther, we should outlaw strikes for all time."

"For egg producers, too, Pop?"

"That's a different question entirely, son. These men are quitting production simply to halt government from interfering with their rights."

"Oh," said Luther, smiling, "not a strike, then. A revolution. Huh? Huh, Pop?"

"Nothing of the kind, Luther. Nothing of the kind These are sound, conservative businessmen, Luther They don't believe in force and violence They are for peaceful methods."

"Like starving the people by not producing food?"

"And I bet," said Luther, walking away hastily, "they find it's an awful lot of bull."

Editor's Mail

Post-War Jobs

It was my impression that the service men were going to be able to return to their former jobs and not have the same difficulties as the servicemen had who returned after the last war.

According to my understanding, ex-servicemen are supposed to be able to return to the jobs they held before the war at the current rate of pay and retain seniority rights, or a better job.

I have just been released from the army and have been refused my old job. Is that what the rest of the fellows are going to have to put up with when they return after this war is over?

Mr. F. C. Crawford, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, has written several articles on post-war jobs for returning servicemen. Mr. Crawford, who happens to be president of the Thompson Products Co. of Cleveland, is the head of the Toledo Steel Products Co., a subsidiary of the Thompson Products, the plant which has refused to give me back my old job.

In view of my experience here, it might not be a bad idea for Mr. Crawford to conduct an investigation of his own local plant before making plans for other manufacturers to live up to which he himself is now ignoring.

Walter Meluk
Toledo Steel Products Co.

On The Beam

By Clayton W. Fountain

PROFITS ARE MOUNTING

Mr. Randolph Paul, general counsel for the United States Treasury, has released some highly interesting figures dealing with the collection of taxes. He reports that corporate profits for the year of 1943 — after the payment of taxes—will amount to more than twice the figure for 1939.

Clayton W. Fountain

According to Mr. Paul's statistics, the profits acquired by American industry out of war production have zoomed skyward after taxes, as follows:

1939	$4,040,000,000
1940	4,777,000,000
1941	7,000,000,000
1942	7,400,000,000
1943 (estimated)	8,300,000,000

Considering the hardships imposed on industry by troublesome government bureaucrats, and the evil influence of the ornery labor unions, the stockholders seem to have done right well by themselves.

WALL STREET DOPE TALLIES

Of course, there are some experts in the art of self-hypnotism who will challenge these figures. Everybody knows that the daily papers have said that the United States Treasury is burdened with bureaucrats who do nothing but sit up nights gnawing their pencils while they dope out new tortures with which to bedevil business.

If a rhythmic dancer managed to sneak into the Office of Economic Warfare, is it not reasonable to suspect that some mystical bureaucrat dreamed up Mr. Paul's statistics out of a crystal ball?

No—the self-hypnotists will have to snap out of it on this one. Wall Street's own figures tally closely with Mr. Paul's analysis of corporate profits.

14 PER CENT OVER 1942

The National City Bank, in a report on the operations of some 340 industrial firms, including the bulk of big business, reports that their corporate take this year, after taxes, is averaging 14 per cent higher than in 1942.

A Wall Street publication called "Barron's" spills the beans on the banks by reporting that the profits of 15 of the biggest of them have gone up 17 per cent over last year.

No competent economist has come forward to refute the findings of Mr. Paul. His figures have been condemned to death by silence.

Naturally there have been no front page stories splashed in big, bold type to tell this tale of war profiteering. Every important editor and publisher knows that it is the workers and farmers who have been raking in the big dough in this war.

Sales Tax Slogan

In fact, the greedy tillers of soil and producers of war weapons have acquired so many riches that their opulence is being cited as a slogan for a national sales tax.

The argument on this score is that the little folks have more dough than they know what to do with at a time when rationing prevents the purchase of additional consumers goods. The extra nickels and dimes are said to be burning holes in the pockets of the poor.

To prevent inflation, therefore, a national sales tax should be levied to drain off the excess earnings of the working population.

A sales tax will be more effective than increased taxation of corporate profits, in the fight against inflation, anyway — because everybody knows that the rich save their money, which makes it non-inflationary.

We could go on like this for another page, but our typewriter has gone on strike against the flow of so much malarkey from its outraged keys.

Regional Views

By Richard Gosser, Director,
Region 2B, UAW-CIO

GOOD WORK

I want every man and woman who took part in the Labor Day parade to know that I admire their fine show of loyalty and perseverance in sticking to their task until it was finished.

Richard Gosser

When I think back to the beginnings of the CIO in Toledo, and recall the many experiences which we older members had, I am reassured, for I firmly believe after what I saw last Monday, that our people have the same old spirit which we had when the organization first started.

It's easy enough when the sun is shining and there are crowds of people lining the curbs and sidewalks, to watch and cheer us as we march down a street; but when the clouds are overhead, and the rain is pouring and people are getting a soaking, that takes something more than just ordinary courage.

Sometimes our older members feel that the younger people are not just as strong for their union as they are; but from what greeted my eyes, I am positive that there are thousands of our younger members who are just as enthused and wholehearted in their beliefs about the union as we were and are.

OUR FUTURE

With a membership that will turn out thousands strong and parade through a downpour of rain, I don't believe we need be particularly worried about the future of our union. Adversity is the best thing that can happen to men or organizations, and the storm of Monday, while it held down our attendance, did bring out the fact that we have a good backbone of solid members who are willing to stick to their union in the face of what would and did keep many people away.

If I had to pick people in whom I had faith as good union people, I would walk right through a parade on Labor Day marching through the rain and pick out every single man and woman who stuck to his post.

We are constantly having the men and women in the armed forces held up to us as examples of patriotic self-sacrifice. I heard one since Labor Day that might give some of these people who are always finding fault with labor cause to pause and think.

Two soldiers were standing in the shelter of a building watching our rain-soaked parade going by. One soldier said to the other, "Look at those people out there marching. They don't have to march; but are doing it anyhow. Some of our guys ought to see that, maybe they would feel different about their marching."

Again, congratulations, and thanks to those of you who showed your loyalty in such a fine way.

UAW-CIO Convention

By Melvin Schultz,
President, Local 12, UAW-CIO

PURPOSE

With the International UAW-CIO convention less than one month away, it might not go amiss to discuss convention for those who are making their first trip as delegates.

Melvin Schultz

Despite all the stories about the fun that goes on at conventions, the principal purpose of our convention in Buffalo this year is to advance the cause of the membership. In order to do this, the convention is called upon to take up the problems of the past year; to attempt to anticipate the problems of the coming year; to consider the stewardship of the international officers; to outline a general policy for the guidance of the officers; to bring about necessary or desirable changes in the constitution which circumstances or experience may dictate, and in general to advance the best interests of the general membership.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

UAW-CIO conventions are not tame affairs. On the contrary, they are extremely lively and interesting. Our organization was not founded nor advanced by a group of gentle aristocrats; but by two-fisted, hardhitting workers who had to fight for their very existence. These people are not given over to soft pedal work at conventions. As a result, issues are discussed frankly, sometimes with a great amount of emphasis; but for the most part, honestly and fearlessly.

In such an atmosphere, and because all delegates represent a segment of the rank-and-file workers, every delegate should approach his duty in a serious manner. There are opportunities for fun and pleasure, of course; but, the primary purpose of the delegate is to represent his people, the workers back home who are depending upon the delegates to represent their best interests.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Principal of the duties of the delegates to the convention is the election of officers. This is an important consideration, for no organization can be better than its leadership, particularly when an organization is as large and powerful as the UAW-CIO.

Local 12 is an important part of the UAW-CIO. With its 60 delegates and 235 votes, it is an organization which ranks importantly in the great Union of which it is a part. Our delegates should take their duties seriously, consider the problems of the convention; vote intelligently and honestly upon all issues involved, and when it comes to the election of officers, consider the record of the candidate. We are free to elect whomever we may choose; but again, the main issue is the advancement of the membership of our Union.

I have every confidence that Local 12 delegates will give a good account of themselves at the sessions of the convention, and I want them all to know that this year as never before, their deliberations take on new importance and significance in the light of what has happened during the past 12 months.

War and a hostile Congress have altered conditions considerable since we last met in Chicago, and I hope that these two major problems will get the serious attention and consideration of each and every delegate.

Bowlers Prepare For Big Season

Local 12 Sponsors All-Star and Standard Leagues for New Season

Bowlers throughout the city are limbering up preparing their muscles for the opening of the 1943-44 bowling season.

Taking heed of the Journal's advice in the Labor Day edition, the keglers are beginning to visit their favorite alleys in warmup sessions which they hope will give them a flying start on their averages for the coming season.

Local 12 is sponsoring two leagues this year. The All-Star League, which comprises teams with an average of 875 or over, will be one of the fastest leagues in the city, with many of the outstanding bowlers of Toledo making the competition keen.

Some of the bowling talent in the All-Star League will consist of such keglers as Leo Strauss, Cap Piojda, Joe Kurdys, Birdie Strauss, Jake Powell, Clarence Boldt, Joe Navarre, Chas. Urbanski, Bud Pacholski, Zig Walczak, Mike Carlucci, Joe Kardos, John Brug, Joe Bates, John Kurdys, Jim Bateman, Joe LeFevre and a host of others.

Teams Entered in League

Teams thus far entered in the All-Star League consist of the following: Willys-Overland, National Supply, Auto-Lite, Champion Spark Plug, Spicer, DeVilbiss, Acklin Stamping, and the Surface Combustion. John Kurdys is making every effort to get his team shaped up in time for the starting session of the league.

Opening of the league will take place at the Bowl-O-Drome alleys, 2521 Collingswood Ave., at 8:45 p. m., September 15.

Standard League Organized

In addition to the All-Star league, Local 12 is sponsoring the Standard League, which consists of eight teams with averages below 875. This league is new this season and judging from the enthusiastic response which the new league has evoked, it looks like the low average bowlers are going to be in there pitching for all they are worth.

Organized primarily for bowlers in the lower score brackets, the Standard League has met with great success in the organization of teams to roll in this lower score organization. There has been no trouble in getting teams entered in the league and the following Units have their fives all set waiting for the season's start on September 15.

Following are the teams entered in the Standard League: A. C. Klopping, Standard Commutator, Bingham, Mather Spring, Toledo Pressed Steel, Gordon Bumper, DeVilbiss and National Supply.

Bowl-O-Drome alleys will also be the home of the Standard League, with its season opening the same evening as the All-Star League. Time of bowling will be 6:45 p. m. Both teams will roll 28 weeks.

Captains to Meet

Captains of both leagues will meet at 425 Winthrop St. in Parlor 1, September 13 at 8:00 p. m. Schedules, prize lists and other important questions will be discussed and all captains are urged to attend the meeting.

Box scores will be published weekly in the TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL along with "The Bowlers' Clinic", team pictures and other features of interest to bowlers.

IMPORTANT: THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF TEAM CAPTAINS OF THE LOCAL 12 ALL-STAR AND STANDARD LEAGUES AT LOCAL 12 HEADQUARTERS, 425 WINTHROP ST., AT 8:00 P. M. MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13. THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET POSTED THEIR ENTRY FEES ARE URGED TO DO SO AT THE MEETING.

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What's this we hear about Otto whistling to a certain B. P. that winds armatures? Is it a serenade, Otto?

If Alva Kirby could only keep away from those parks—what an insulator she would be.

It is a delight to see Helen Krum wind armatures since she returned from her honeymoon. Is she a whiz!

Ruby B has suggested that escalators be installed in place of the stairsteps. We appoint you as a committee of one, Ruby, so do your best.

Did you know that Napoleon is working with us? Don't misunderstand. He is Charles Long, whose home is in Napoleon, Ohio. He gauges armateurs in the Inverter.

Thanks to Ken Joy and everyone that assisted him, for installing the recording system in the factory. Now we are really able to relax and enjoy our lunch hour with the variety of music offered us. Thanks again, Ken, it's a grand idea!

Frank Mroz is wondering if he has as many friends as he thought he had. It seems he walked four miles to work in the rain the other morning and several fellow workers passed him by. Why didn't you use your thumb, Frank?

Two wolves from the machine shop have put in their bid for Joe Mroz's date book while he is in Buffalo. Too bad, boys, but Joe keeps his addresses strictly on the mental basis.

It sounds like Verlyn and Helen had a very good time on their recent trip to Detroit. You really celebrated, didn't you, girls?

Do you know it is impolite to go to sleep while you have guests, Sid? It makes us wonder if it was natural sleep? Better skip that last one next time, Sid!

Brother Schwind has become quite union minded recently. He has offered several ideas to the committee. The boys and girls will keep you in mind next election, Vince.

Judging by John (Green) Zelinski's physique, he should be able to do the work of several men. Maybe that solves the employment problem. You will find this handsome (?) man in the machine shop.

Newspaper Adopts Child

NEW YORK—(FP)—The adoption of an 11-year-old British girl, Ivy Bedford, by Aufbau, German-American newspaper, was announced Sept. 1 by the Foster Parents Plan for War Children. The plan operates 41 children's projects in England and is caring for Polish, Czech, Dutch, Belgian, Austrian, Norwegian, Hungarian, German, Danish, British and Spanish children. It costs $15 a month to adopt a child.

Dancers Chosen For "Kismet" Spectacle

HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 1 — Jack Cole, noted specialty dancer and dance director, interviewed 150 girl dancers recently, selecting 20 of them to be featured in Metro-Goldwyn Mayer's "Kismet," Ronald Colman starrer.

An exponent of interpretive East Indian, Spanish and Brazilian dances, Cole has appeared in, as well as arranged, numbers for the "Ziegfeld Follies" and the New York stage revue, "Keep 'Em Laughing."

Hunters To Get Shells

COLUMBUS, Sept. 8.—Division of Conservation authorities have received word from the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service calling their attention to the announcement of the War Production Board recently that it had approved the release of 82 and one-quarter million shotgun shells and 12 million rounds of center fire ammunition, as well as a yet undetermined quantity of .22 caliber cartridges.

Because of Ohio's position in the number of hunting licenses issued, it was expected that this state's share of the ammunition would be among the top figures for the country.

The Outdoor Writer of America and other organizations, as well as state conservation departments had joined with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service in a fact finding survey, which resulted in the urging of the WPB to allow some additional ammunition to civilians to permit the taking of the annual crop of surplus game, keep predatory animals in check and protect farmers from game depredations to their crops.

Rathbun Reporter

By Drexal O'Neil

Our sympathy goes to Anthony Antkowiak, whose mother passed away; to Harry Furry, who lost a brother, and to Frank Hasselschwert, who also recently lost a brother. "They are not among us but they are present in our thoughts."

Louis Cayia was able to salvage some happiness out of these Hersheyistic days. He was able to arrange his vacation to coincid with his son Tom's furlough.

Ish Taylor recently wrote to his son, Charles, who is now stationed somewhere in England, instructing him to seek traces of the Taylor estate near Liverpool. Strictly a joke, wouldn't it give you a feeling of pride if "Chuck" did find relatives? I'm going to bug around if I ever get to Ireland. (I'd probably get swatted.)

There is very little doubt but that Frankie Regan, in the Sea-Bees, is now on Munda.

Now the "clunkers" attain dive-bomber speed before they dunk. The short boys have to walk the plank before "into the drink they go".

The stigma of something or other is attached to some of the boys who haven't taken their vacations. You are not indispensable, we can get along without you for a week. No place to go? Help your wife with the canning, tend your youngsters, wet a line in the old Maumee or just take a tall glass to the porch swing.

Is it time to retire the watch dog of the foundry? He just can't adapt his speed to the wheels of progress. We all get streaks of stubbornness and meanness, but this case seems to be nonstop.

Our Unit certainly backed the judgment of the Local when we voted for delegates. Heinz Szeve says thanks for now and states that our Unit will benefit in many ways.

Commutator Comments

Contract negotiations with the company management have been satisfactorily concluded with the contract accepted by both the company and executive shop committee. After the Unit approves the contract, it will be signed by both parties and sent to the War Labor Board for approval. Several advantageous clauses have been agreed upon which need only the approval of the WLB.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED YET? Don't put it off any longer. There is less than one month for you to attend to this important duty. You have a voice in your job, in your membership in your Union. Why not register and vote so you can have a voice in your government?

Standard Commutator will have a team entered in the Local 12 bowling league, which will roll this season at the Bowl-a-Drome Alleys on Collingwood Ave. Six shop teams and four girls' teams will also be organized.

Our indoor team had a fairly good year, finishing in fourth place in the Local 12 softball league. There's always next year and maybe in another year we will be able to land on top, or closer than we came this year.

Your Standard Of Living

By Clayton Rusch,
Chairman of The Food Price Control Committee of Local 12 UAW-CIO

Agricultural High Command Needed

We are nearing the end of our second year in the war. The news from the fighting fronts looks good. This is, of course, the result of long range planning which means always keeping in mind ultimate objectives.

In order for the military front to get the support from the home front that is essential, the same coordinated planning should be applied to civilian production.

The need for a high overall economic command in the production of ammunition and other war supplies has often been pointed out by Walter Reuther, International Vice-president of the UAW-CIO, and others of our union. If we are going to have an adequate food program, sufficient for the needs of both the military fighting army and the civilian producing army, an overall high command is sorely needed in the agriculture industry also and if such an organization is not established soon, we may be confronted with an actual food shortage.

Farm Workers and City Workers

As this column has previously pointed out the idea that the price the city workers pay for food goes to the working farmer is all wrong. Nor does the exorbitant price the farmers pay for equipment go to the city worker, either.

There are two types of working farmers. First, those who labor on the huge farm factories for small wages. It is the owners of these farm factories who control the so-called "Farm Bloc" of Congress. The other type of working farmer is the small independent farmer who owns or rents a small piece of land. These small independent dirt farmers (small farmers who own their land although generally subject to mortgage) and tenant farmers (small farmers who rent their land usually at high rates) hire no help to speak of, and get only a small part of what the consumer pays for food, for they must deal through middle men and not direct, as the owners of farm factories do. Out of the fraction they get of your food dollar these working farmers pay exorbantly high prices for fertilizers, seed and farm equipment.

The first step required in obtaining an adequate food supply is to relieve the plight of the working farmers.

In regard to the workers in the farm factories the only solution to their problem, is an effective organization after the manner of the city industrial workers. These employee farmers must be organized into unions.

In regard to the problem of the dirt and tenant farmers nothing less than an overall planning system subsidized by the government could effectively correct conditions.

Subsidy Needed

One hesitates to use the word "subsidy" for the mere mention of it irritates big business no end. Yet a little observation will show that big business interests only object to subsidies for small farmers and worker consumers. Big business heartedly indorses the loaning of money by government to industry, the setting up of machinery owned by the government in war plants and a government guarantee of huge profits. In fact, huge industry is highly subsidized, and the criticism against the plan to save the food situation by attacking subsidies is therefore, unsound.

To be continued.

Legislative Clubs Are Formed

WASHINGTON (FP) — Twenty legislative clubs for residents of as many states are being formed here among government workers by the United Federal Workers (CIO) for members and non-members. Clubs will maintain ties back home and though without a vote, their members will express themselves to congress through delegations to the Hill and in meetings. They will work for the CIO national policy of helping reshape congress into a win-the-war body. They'll remember the Hatch act, which prohibits participation in political election campaigns, it was explained.

Flashes from Hollywood

When Dick Powell's small son, Norman, was introduced for the first time at Hollywood Canteen the other night, Joan Blondell was in San Francisco for an army show. Asked the purpose of his visit, Norman announced blandly: "I'm just keeping an eye on Dad while Mom's away." Powell related the story on himself on the set of "Meet the People" at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer.

M-G-M's cycle of zany cartoon titles show no sign of abating, what with "Bah, Wilderness," "Strange Innertube" and "One Ham's Family" in the offing.

Roddy McDowall, featured in "White Cliffs of Dover," gave a 15-minute speech to the workers of the Aerco Aircraft factory in Long Beach. Occasion was the presentation of the Army-Navy "E" pennant to the company by Naval and military officers.

It looks like the Wilde Twins, blonde Lee and Lyn, will be the favorite pin-up girls of pre-flight students training at the University of Nevada, in Reno. When the twins arrived on the beautiful campus to film scenes with Mickey Rooney, Herbert Marshall, Lewis Stone and Monita Granville in "Andy Hardy's Blonde Trouble," group after group of the future fliers rushed them and took candid camera pictures.

Jane Hale, originally signed by M-G-M Producer Jack Cummings to direct dance numbers for "Broadway Rhythm," is now taking dance lessons! Teamed with George Murphy for several specialty numbers, Jane is being coached by Murphy and Nick Castle for her debut before the cameras.

Anita Loos will shortly make another trek to New York, according to her present plans. She is to complete arrangements for a play she is working on, planned for Broadway production.

The Four Freedoms

By Thornton C. Shaw

Do you know what God has promised you—
Be you Protestant, Catholic or a Jew?
He's promised "Four Freedoms" and even more—
When you answer his knock at your door.

For behold! The wonders God gave to man—
An earth on which to build His plan,
With everything contained therein
To build an engine or a pin.

A beautiful spot to build a home,
With hills and dales where man can roam.
Fine rivers, broad acres, mountains and trees,
Where man could live in peace and ease.

Man was told to love his neighbor,
To live in the sweat of his own labor,
Teaching all must have a part to bear
In building a brotherhood in which all would share.

This dream He's planted in the soul of man
To agitate him to complete the plan.
He planted it in every nation and in every creed
For all mankind to take heed.

But few it seems can grasp it all,
As nations rise, only to fall.
Yet through man's mind there percolates a plan,
Seeking to express "The Brotherhood of Man."
This inheritance to man has been consigned.
Seek ye, brother, and ye shall find.

HOLLYWOOD LOT

By TED TAYLOR

HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 7—(FP)—"With Eddie Rickenbacker about to get the blessings of the labor unions, it's full speed on his life picture now." Period, unquote, and now you tell one. The item is from The Hollywood Reporter with no details on what blessings, what unions, or, for that matter, what signs there has been of 20th Century-Fox holding back production.

It appears, however, that Spyros Skouras, president of 20th-Fox, some time ago discussed the Rickenbacker film with AFL President William Green and CIO President Philip Murray, and that "they arrived at certain conclusions about it."

Wendell Willkie is authority for this. He reports it in a letter to President A. F. Whitney of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen (unaffiliated, who had protested to Willkie as chairman of the film company's board against the plan to golrify Rickenbacker. Whitney had pointed out that Rickenbacker "has exploited his position as a national hero . . . to smear the American organized labor movement."

Yep! They're Going to Show 'Both Sides'

Willkie did not indicate what the "certain conclusions" were. Labor's rank and file will want to know. If the conclusions are that the Rickenbacker film can be winked at because of something 20th-Fox plans to labor's advantage, working men and women will want to know what to look for.

On 20th-Fox's schedule for some future time is what Hollywood refers to as its "capital and labor picture" and which the studio may call Home of the Brave. It will be produced by Darryl Zanuck, who informs newspaper men that he discussed the film with Philip Murray.

The studio's press releases say the film will be non-partisan," that it will lustrate the strength and the weaknesses on both sides of the highly controversial fence." Both sides meaning capital and labor.

A newsman who talked with Zanuck says he intends "to show the heels on both sides."

'CONTROVERSIAL.' It is worth note that Native Land, which deals with labor's struggle for civil rights, was booked into a Hollywood theater and pulled out after one night "because of its controversial nature."

Eddie Likes the Russians Now

CONVERSION. Perhaps all can be forgiven Rickenbacker because of his trip to Russia. He speaks a little piece in the current News of the Day (MGM), saying: "I came away LIKING the Russians." His emphasis. And goes on to explain we needn't worry—they'll hold out against the Germans. "I don't expect the Germans to crack before the fall of 1944," he adds.

CLIMAX. Winfield Sheehan, producing the Rickenbacker film for 20th-Fox, doesn't know yet how it's going to end. He would like to wind it up with a talk between Rickenbacker and Stalin.

POST-WAR PLAN. First picture for Frank Capra (director), Robert Riskin (writer), and Clark Gable (star) when they return from war will be a sequel to "It Happened One Night," which they made for Columbia. It will be called "After It Happened One Night," and will be made by MGM.

MUTE TALK. A character in RKO's "The Ghost Ship," doesn't say a word in the picture—he can't talk. But he is the story teller, and the nauation of the film represents thoughts going through his head. Shelton Knagg, a Shakespearean actor, will handle this odd chore.

Wardens Report Many Squirrels

CLUMBUS, Sept. 14. — Game wardens and district conservation officers have reported a good stock of squirrels for this year's squirrel hunting season, according to advice given out by the Ohio Division of Conservation and Natural Resources.

Indications are that nimrods are in for some good hunting when the season opens in the northern portion of the state on September 22, and in the remainder of the state September 15.

Many field men of the division report that there are many squirrels and plenty of nuts. In some of the northern sections where squirrels have not been so numerous and a shorter season has been in effect for the past two years, there is a marked increase in the squirrel crop; but still not sufficient to warrant a longer season this year

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Cost of Living Is Soon To Be Rolled Back (?)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4—(FP)—The OPA made public Sept. 3 a letter from its General Manager Chester Bowles to Representative Adolph J. Sabath (D., Ill.,) assuring him that the cost of living is soon to be rolled back to September, 1942, levels. At the same time, Federated Press learned that the program for an additional roll-back, promised by the President, and several weeks ago said by OPA officials to be complete except for the final dotting of i's and crossing of t's, is being bottlenecked by War Food Administrator Marvin Jones. Jones refuses to budge, saying it is impractical, it is reliably reported!

Economic Stabilizer Fred Vinson, who has made his position clear in positively favoring the rollback, is said to be convinced that if he appeals to War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes, the latter will uphold Jones.

The amazing thing about the failure of the rollback to reach more than the talking stage, said informants, is that it was approved in its detailed phase by the President.

Sabath complained to OPA Administrator Prentiss Brown and to Jones that restaurant prices were 50-75% higher and portions 50% smaller than those of six months ago. He urged "immediate steps be taken to relieve the consuming public, especially the 20 millions of white collar workers whose wages have not been increased."

Bowles said measures in operation will eliminate half of the rise in the cost of living, and that "the food stabilization program, the details of which are now being worked out, will, we believe, complete the job."

Bowles met with the OPA labor policy committee Sept. 3 and gave the same assurance.

Hull Protests

WASHINGTON (FP)—Secretary of State Cordell Hull for the second time at a press conference in the last few days displayed touchiness over public criticism of his policies, which has reached peak proportions over the resignation of Undersecretary Sumner Welles, known as the most outspoken champion of friendly relations with the Soviet Union.

Hull Aug. 30 leveled his fire principally at Drew Pearson, newspaper columnist, who, Hull said he was told, "published over the radio and in the press the charge that I and other high officials in the State Department are opposed to the Soviet government and that we actually wish the Soviet Union to be bled white."

"I desire to brand these statements as monstrous and diabolical falsehoods" Hull added in what was, for the secretary of state, a most forceful manner.

Hull read his statement at a press conference. In his apparent agitation, however, he made an obvious slip. Alluding to the charge that he was opposed to the Soviet government, he added the phrase, "in these times and in these circumstances." When the official version of the conference was handed out later, the statement had been corrected and the phrase deleted. Apparently he had meant to say that at this time especially he could not be opposed to the Soviet Union.

Advance speculation by some news writers over Welles' successor and their vigorous portrayal of Asst. Secretary Breckinridge Long as anti-Soviet, may have caused a reshuffling of candidates for the job. Long is not being mentioned at present. Under Secretary Norman Armour, recently returned from Argentina, and George S. Messersmith, now ambassador to Mexico, are now being talked of for the post.

Wilkie Lauds Labor Record

By WENDELL L. WILLKIE
For Federated Press.

There are no medals and very litle glory for the soldiers on the production line. But they can know the great satisfaction that comes from a job well done. And that is American labor's position today. Indeed, on this Labor Day of 1943, American labor celebrates with the full knowledge that it has done and is doing a job which has earned the respect and gratitude not only of the people of America, but of our allies all over the world.

In all of the other allied nations, soldiers of production are also on the job, fully realizing how great a responsibility they bear for the eventual victory of the cause of freedom. I have visited these men and women in all parts of the world —I have seen them carry on in England in the face of terrifying bombardments; in China in hastily thrown together plants that had been transplanted by human pack trains from enemy-occupied areas; in Russia with the enemy pressing in from all sides relentlessly.

Yet, they all know that despite their courage and determination, they must look to American labor and industry to augment their efforts—and they look our way with confidence, a confidence that you have justified.

Labor Has Responsibility

But here is still another responsibility which American labor has to fulfill. Nowhere have working men and women achieved the social gains that have been won by American labor, and all look to you to hold fast to those advances—to establish once and for all a set of standards toward which they may work in the years to come.

And so it would seem to me that on this day, dedicated to the working men and women of America, labor should firmly resolve that these gains, made after long years of struggle, shall not be impaired or lost completely either in the heat and turmoil of war or in the welter of confusion that well may follow.

In this resolution all thoughtful Americans will join. For the hope of any society, particularly an industrial one, lies in steadily raising the standards of those who work and in constantly expanding the social protections. Legislation which restrains or attempts to drive backward such natural progress, is not only detrimental to labor, but has an equally harmful effect on the entire nation.

I am happy to have this opportunity of adding my congratulations to labor on this, its day.

Donat Returns

At a Hollywood preview, Mrs. Robert Donat saw her husband for the first time in two years. He insisted on her going to America when the war clouds broke, but he remained in England. But it was a far different Donat she saw than the gentle school-master of "Goodbye, Mr. Chips". She hardly knew the swashbuckling, hell-bent-for-leather secret agent who burst upon the screen in his latest picture, "The Adventures of Tartu".

GOVERNMENT SEIZES PLANT

CHICAGO—Government seizure of the Allis-Chalmers Springfield plant "for persistent and repeated violation of contract and refusal to comply with directives of the War Labor Board" has been asked of President Roosevelt by President Grant Oakes of United Farm Equipment and Metal Workers, CIO.

Your Dollar

By Consumers Union

Children's Underwear

Don't go by marked size in buying children's underwear, CU warns. Most garments are marked by age, which is not necessarily an indication of size. And even the age sizing is not consistent, so that if you find one size 4 which fits, it does not mean that a size 4 in another brand or style will also fit.

The simplest way to get good fit is to measure the child around the hips and trunk. (Trunk measurements are taken by passing a tape measure from the shoulder around the crotch and back to the shoulder.) Then measure the garment for correct dimensions at the same points.

Consumers Union tested 36 brands of children's and infants' knit underwear. Little difference was found in the durability of the materials among the brands tested. But there were differences in style and construction which would affect the wearer.

The following brands were judged to offer best value for the money: Ward's Comfytogs, Montgomery Ward: Shorts, 15c-29c; shirts, 19c-29c; union suits, 33c, all plus postage. Penney's (J. C. Penny stores): Shorts 25c-19c; union suits, 39c; 2-piece suits, 39c. Woolworth: Shirt, 20c; 2-piece suit, 40c.

Union Made Underwear

The following brands of children's underwear, tested by CU, are union made under contract with: Intl. Ladies Garment Workers Union, AFL: Carter's, E-Z; Textile Workers Union, CIO: Jockey Jr., Munsingwear.

Your Car in Wartime

Even in wartime driving conditons, your car does not need to have the oil changed every thousand miles, Consumers Union says in this month's Consumers Reports. Scientific research has shown that in moderate climates only two changes a year are necessary—spring and fall. Between changes, add only as much oil as necessary to keep it up to the proper level. It's unnecessary, uneconomical and unpatriotic to change oil every thousand miles as suggested by Gulf Oil Co., American Oil Institute and other advisers.

Give your battery special care in wartime, CU advises. When you drive less, your battery gets less automatic charging. Coddle it along by cutting off all unnecessary drains, such as cigaret lighters. When holding the car on hills, use the handbrakes instead of the foot brakes where possible. Foot brakes operate current consuming rear red lights. See that your starter and automatic choke are in first class condition. Blow your horn only when necessary, and use parking lights instead of headlights when you can.

Avoid unnecessary stops and starts. They use up current. The best way to put electricity back into the battery is to plan for a long, steady run each time you use the car, and to recharge as soon as the battery is low.

Soy Foods

The soybean is versatile, CU researchers point out. Not only is it bursting with nourishment and vitamins, but it can be prepared in more diverse ways than almost any other food. You can eat soybeans canned, baked, dried, toasted and salted like peanuts, in butters and sandwich spreads, in cakes, muffins, bread and crackers, and in the form of prepared meat substitutes. Soybean products are cheaper than meat, and the soybean meat substitutes can be bought without use of ration points.

CU's taste squad tried 22 soybean products of all kinds and found many of them tasty as well as nourishing. Here are some of the meat substitutes: Vigorost, Yum, Zoyburger, Soytone, Nuteena. All contain soybeans plus other foods. All cost 25c for a 14-ounce can. They're apt to taste a bit flat due to lack of seasoning, as most of them started out in life as health foods. But when they're heated and seasoning, egg, onion or vegetables are added, there's a big improvement in the flavor.

Doctor Advocates Socialized Medicine

DETROIT—(FP)—Socialized medicine is coming in this country and it is going to spread all over the world, Dr. Louis Schwartz, veteran doctor of the United States public health service, told 80 delegates from Michigan, Indiana and Ohio at the United Auto Workers (CIO) health conference in Detroit.

"I am a strong advocate of socialized medicine," the physician said in his address. "You are all entitled to proper medical care, just as much as to proper air and drinking water for you and your family. That's all that socialized medicin is—proper medical care for all.

"It is coming. Your UAW Medical Research Institute is promoting it. It will spread all over the world."

Other government doctors and industrial health experts discussed plant poisons and accidents with the delegates, most of whom are members of union safety committees in their shops.

The warning against quacks issued by UAW Secretary-Treasurer George F. Addes some weeks earlier was echoed by Dr. Schwartz. He told of a racketeering doctor in an Indiana town where parachute packs are made. The quack, said Schwartz, "invented a new disease called pack poison. There is no such disease, but not all doctors are honest. The public health service soon found why this doctor diagnozed everything, from measles to common cold, as 'pack poison.' He got $5 for each diagnosis and $3 for each treatment visit from the insurance company. If he had diagnosed indigestion or tonsilitis, the insurance company would have paid him nothing."

Play Recognized As Basic Need

Dull Jacks make slack workers! Tired workers are a hazard.

Communities, war plants and the government agree, on the basis of experience in all parts of the counntry, that the lack of recreation for war workers and a guide to plants and communities in solvinng their particular recreation problems has been issued by the Recreation Division of the Federal Security Agency.

Their report, "Spare Time—A War Asset for War Workers," is just off the press and may be obtained by writing the regional representative of the Recreation Division, FSA.

Calling good recreation "one of the soundest safety devices there is," the FSA report notes that a fatigued worker is more likely to have accidents; a tense worker does poor work. It says:

"People working at the intensive tempo of war plants—and living too often in crowded quarters, and in towns that may be alarmed by the problems strangers bring — traveling long distances to and from work, seek and need release from tension at the end of the dork shift."

Labor Day Proceeds Aid Community

CHEYENNE, Wyo.—(FP)—Proceeds from the annual Labor Day dance here were pledged for the purchase of an improved resuscitator for use by the local fire department as an aid in saving drowning and suffocation victims. The Central Labor Union, Biulding Trades Council and Wyoming Federation of Labor backed the venture.

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